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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

**Assistant Professor of Political Science**, 2017-present.

Boston College, Department of Political Science

Participating Faculty Member, African and African Diaspora Studies Program

Contributing Faculty Member, Environmental Studies Program

Research Associate, 2022-present.

Program on Governance and Local Development at the University of Gothenburg

Visiting Research Fellow, 2016-2017.

Kellogg Institute for International Studies at the University of Notre Dame

## EDUCATION

**Cornell University**, Ph.D. in Government. 2017.

Fields: Comparative Politics and International Relations

**Northwestern University**, B.A. in Political Science & International Studies. 2007.

Honors in Political Science; Certificate of Achievement in French

## BOOK

Forthcoming. *Land Politics: How Customary Institutions Shape State Building in Zambia and Senegal*. New York: Cambridge University Press. (Publication date: June 2022)

## REFEREED JOURNAL ARTICLES

Forthcoming. "Land and Legibility: When do Citizens Expect Secure Property Rights in Weak States?" (with Karen Ferree, Ellen Lust, and Melanie Phillips) *American Political Science Review*.

Forthcoming. "Mutual Dependence and Expectations of Cooperation" (with Adam Harris). *Journal of Politics*.

2022. "The Power of the Pen: Informal Property Rights Documents in Zambia." *African Affairs*, 121 (482), pp. 81-107.

2021. “What Stymies Action on Climate Change? Religious Institutions, Marginalization, and Efficacy in Kenya.” (with Amy Erica Smith and Jaimie Bleck). *Perspectives on Politics*.

2019. “Elite Defection and Grassroots Democracy Under Competitive Authoritarianism: Evidence from Burkina Faso.” (with Sarah Andrews). *Democratization*, 26 (4), pp. 626-644.

2017. “Selecting the State or Choosing the Chief? The Political Determinants of Smallholder Land Titling.” *World Development*, 100, pp. 94-107.

2016. “Immigrant Political Economies and Exclusionary Policy in Africa.” *Comparative Politics*, 48 (4), pp. 517-537.

#### CHAPTERS IN EDITED ACADEMIC VOLUMES

2019. “Traditional Leaders and Development in Africa.” *The Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Politics*. Oxford University Press.

#### OTHER ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

2021. Review of Political Violence in Kenya. *Journal of Modern African Studies*. 59 (1), pp.125-126.

2020. “What Stymies Action on Climate Change? Religious Institutions, Marginalization, and Efficacy in Kenya.” (with Amy Erica Smith and Jaimie Bleck). Notre Dame, IN: *Kellogg Institute for International Studies Working Paper #437*.

2015. “The Status of Customary Land and the Future of Smallholder Farmers Under the Current Land Administration System in Zambia.” (with Brian Mulenga). Lusaka, Zambia: *Indaba Agricultural Policy Research Institute (IAPRI) Working Paper 101*.

#### RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

“Social Institutions and State Reach: Examining Change in Gendered Land Rights in Southern Africa.” (with Adam Harris and Ellen Lust)

“Self-Defense Groups and the State: The Rise of the Koglweogo in Burkina Faso”

#### GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS

2017 Global Religion Research Initiative, University of Notre Dame (with Amy Erica Smith)

2015 African Studies Association Student Travel Award

2015 Sage Dissertation Completion Fellowship, Cornell University

2014 Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant, National Science Foundation

2013 International Dissertation Research Fellowship, Social Sciences Research Council

- 2013 Fulbright Research Fellowship for Zambia
- 2012 Einaudi Center for International Studies International Research Travel Grant, Cornell University
- 2012 Houston I. Flourney Research Grant, Cornell University
- 2012 Departmental Research Grant, Cornell University
- 2011 Institute for the Social Sciences Immigration Project Research Award, Cornell University
- 2011 Sage Fellowship, Cornell University

## TEACHING

### *Boston College, Graduate*

Political Economy of Development (2020, 2017)

### *Boston College, Undergraduate*

African Politics (2021, 2020, 2019, 2018)

Democracy in Africa (2022, 2020, 2019)

Natural Resource Politics (2022, 2019, 2018)

Comparative Politics of Development (2021, 2020, 2019, 2018, 2017)

### *University of Notre Dame, Undergraduate*

Research Methods for Fieldwork in the Developing World (2016) (co-taught)

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED TALKS

- 2021 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting
- 2021 Program on Governance and Local Development, University of Gothenburg
- 2021 Boston Working Group in African Political Economy (B-WGAPE), MIT
- 2021 Faculty Seminar, Oakton Community College
- 2020 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting
- 2020 Digital Scholarship Research Group, Boston College
- 2019 African Studies Association Annual Meeting
- 2018 American Political Science Association
- 2018 Boston University, African Studies Center
- 2018 African Studies Association Annual Meeting
- 2017 Northwestern University, Program of African Studies
- 2017 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting
- 2017 Varieties of Democracy Conference, University of Notre Dame
- 2016 African Studies Association Annual Meeting
- 2016 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting
- 2016 Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting
- 2015 African Studies Association Annual Meeting
- 2015 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting
- 2013 Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting
- 2013 Summer Institute on Contested Global Landscapes
- 2012 Land Deals Politics Initiative Conference

2012 International Studies Association Annual Meeting  
2012 Institute for Social Sciences Conference, Cornell University

#### OTHER CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP PARTICIPATION (SELECTED)

*Discussant:*

African Studies Review, Pipeline for Emerging African Studies Scholars Workshop (2019)  
B-WGAPE, Yale University (2019)  
APSA Research Development Group for African Scholars Workshop (2018)  
American Political Science Association (2022, 2021, 2018, 2017)  
African Politics Conference Group, Online Colloquium (2018)  
Varieties of Democracy Conference, University of Notre Dame (2017)

#### PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND RELATED WORK EXPERIENCE

Indaba Agricultural Policy Research Institute (IAPRI), Zambia. 2012, 2013-2014.

*Affiliated Researcher*

US Peace Corps, Burkina Faso. 2007-2009.

*Community Health Development Volunteer*

LANGUAGES: English (native), French (advanced), Mooré/Burkina Faso (intermediate).